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Red Line Passengers Who Use Shady Grove and Rockville Stations Are Urged to Seek Alternatives

How County Residents Can Deal with Metro's SafeTrack Repairs



**AUGUST 9 - 18
SINGLE TRACKING
from Twinbrook
to Shady Grove**

The second Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Red Line surge - **Surge #7** -- will be in effect **August 9 through 18**.

See [press release](#) for more information.

Additionally, WMATA will shut down the Red Line Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14, from Shady Grove to Grosvenor-Strathmore and will operate free bus shuttles between these stops. Montgomery County Ride On will provide 10 additional buses to supplement WMATA's bus bridge on Saturday and Sunday, August 13-14 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The buses will provide service to every station from Shady Grove to Grosvenor-Strathmore.

Donations for Piney Branch Apartment Explosion Victims

[Please click here](#) for ways the public can help the victims of the August 10th explosion and fire at the Flower Branch Apartments in Silver Spring.

Montgomery County Senior Property Tax Deferral Program Informational Session!

**Tuesday, August 23 12:00n-2:00pm
Upcounty Regional Services Center (Meeting Room A)
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

This new program was enacted by Expedited Bill 10-16, and is effective beginning July 1, 2016.

This program began on July 1, 2016, and applications are available in printed form at the Division of Treasury (255 Rockville Pike, Suite L-15, Rockville, MD 20850). To open an electronic version of the Application, click [here](#). For instructions on how to fill out the Application, click [here](#). Click [here](#) to open a copy of the Tax Deferral and Lien Agreement, which must accompany each application. Click [here](#) for instructions to complete the Tax Deferral and Lien Agreement.

For more details, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/finance/seniordeferral.html>

County Executive Announces Business Initiative

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett announces the [Excellence in Business Services Initiative](#), which continues his efforts to make it easier for businesses to start, grow and thrive in Montgomery County. The initiative is comprised of three component projects:

Regulatory Reform

- Identify opportunities to simplify and streamline

Culture of Solutions

- Establish and sustain a culture of excellence in customer service

Montgomery County Business Portal

- Improve access to information and resources for businesses

Input from the business community is requested through the [online business survey](#). Feedback may also be provided directly to the project lead: Judy Stephenson, 240-777-2012 or judy.stephenson@montgomerycountymd.gov



Montgomery County Agricultural Fair August 12 – 20

[August 12 - 20, 2016](#). \$10 admission, Children 11 & under are FREE! Free same day re-admission, get your hand stamped at the gate before departing. Visit www.mcagfair.com for more information.

Are you interested in a Career in Information Technology?

ITI Open House / Information Session

Thursday, August 25 10:00am-12:30pm

Montgomery College's Gaithersburg Business Training Center, 4fl
12 South Summit Avenue, Gaithersburg

Get training into three of the most popular IT careers. Learn from industry professionals about job market trends and the training required to get into and advance in these fields. Walk-ins are welcomed, but registration is recommended.

Register for the Open House

For more information, contact: Eunice Melo, Information Technology Institute, Montgomery College, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, 240-567-1882

Your Input is Needed!

New Clarksburg-area Regional Aquatic, Community Recreation & Senior Programs

The Department of Recreation wants your comments on plans for a new Clarksburg-area regional center featuring aquatic, community recreation and senior programs. Help to define the recreation and leisure needs of this community by completing a short survey. **The survey should take less than five minutes to complete and will be available until August 25, 2016.** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5W5VR98>

Additional information regarding the project and notes from the July 12 community forum can be found on the Department of General Services' website. <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DGS-BDC/UMC/451502.html>

Parents of Students Entering Seventh Grade Reminded of New Immunization Requirements; Free Immunizations Offered in August and September

Parents of students entering seventh grade are reminded that there are immunization requirements announced in 2014 that require students to have one Tdap (Tetanus-diphtheria-attenuated pertussis) and one meningococcal (MCV4) vaccination. Montgomery County Health and Human Services staff will provide free Tdap and MCV4 vaccinations to incoming seventh-grade students at several locations throughout the County beginning in late August. Eighth and ninth grade students entering a Maryland school for the first time should also receive the vaccinations in order to comply with the requirements. No appointment is necessary. A parent or designated adult must be present. Please bring a copy of the child's immunization record to the clinic.

Clinics that will be held in the Upcounty (northern region of the county):

Saturday, August 27th; 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Germantown Health Center
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, 2nd floor, Germantown

Tuesday, September 13th; 4 -7 p.m.

Clemente Middle School
18808 Waring Station Road, Germantown

Wednesday, September 14; 4 – 7 p.m.

Gaithersburg Middle School
2 Teacher's Way, Gaithersburg

Thursday, September 15; 4 – 7 p.m.

Rocky Hill Middle School
22401 Brick Haven Way, Clarksburg

For a complete listing of locations around the county, go to

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16278

In addition, there are four locations that will offer expanded hours for their regularly scheduled immunization clinics.

For more information on immunizations, call the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services' Immunization Program at 240-777-1050 or School Health Services at 240-777-1550.

Montgomery County Department of Recreation Announces 24+ and 40+ Women's Soccer Leagues for FALL 2016

League Play Begins Sept 7-10, 2016
Registration Deadline Aug 23, 2016 by 5pm!

- Women's 24 and over
- Women's 40 and over
- Women's Soccer Free Agents

For more information, visit www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec. En Español: 240-777-6839

Montgomery County Recreation is committed to compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). Please contact a Therapeutic Specialist at 240-777-6870 or rec.mainstream@montgomerycountymd.gov to request accommodations.

County Offers Tips on the Heat!

With temperatures forecast for the upper-90s to near 100° this weekend, and heat indexes forecast to exceed that, County officials are urging residents to take precautions to protect themselves against heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

- [County Offers Tips on Surviving the Heat](#)
- [Hot Weather Tips for Pets](#)
- [Animal Services Officers Enforcing Anti-Cruelty Conditions for Dogs Law](#)

Urban Agricultural Tax Credit bill is introduced before Montgomery Council

Approval of bill would allow owners of certain smaller properties in County to get credit for maintaining at least 2 agricultural uses

Bill 31-16 would allow owners of certain properties in the County, ranging in size from one-half acre to less than five acres, to be granted an "Urban Agricultural Tax Credit" if they had two or more urban agricultural uses on the property. The credit would equal the property tax otherwise due on the property.

A public hearing on Bill 31-16 is tentatively scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Eligible properties would have to be located in a "priority funding area," as defined in the Maryland State Finance and Procurement Code. Properties of five acres or more devoted to agricultural uses are already eligible for tax credits. Two years ago, Baltimore City approved a tax credit similar to the one proposed in Bill 31-16.

Read more at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=16266

A message from . . .



Watkins Mill Program Recruiting Volunteers for 2015-2016 School Year

In place since March of this year, the CollegeTracks college access program at Watkins Mill—which helps low-income, minority and first-generation students—has been a huge success.

So far 151 rising seniors and another 26 rising juniors have enrolled in the program. More seniors and juniors are expected to enroll this fall. Additional volunteers are needed to help students with their college essays, school selection, completion of financial aid applications and test prep for SAT and ACT exams.

If you can spare 2-6 hours one day a week, possess a college degree, as well as a willingness to listen and assist with compassion, we want to meet you.

You'll be transformed by the experience and the students you help will realize their dreams of going to college.

For more information, contact volunteer coordinator, Michele Parsonnet at mparsonnet@collegetracksusa.org



Public Libraries' Celebrate Local Olympic Athletes; Residents Can Show Their Support

Montgomery County Public Libraries (MCPL) will provide an opportunity for County residents to show their support for the four County athletes who are going for the gold at the upcoming Summer Olympics.

Every library branch has established a station for residents to deliver fan mail or messages to the athletes.

Montgomery County is home to four of the 11 athletes representing Maryland on the 2016 U.S. Olympic roster. The 2016 Olympic Games will take place in Rio de Janeiro from Aug. 5-21. More than 10,500 athletes from 204 nations are expected to participate in 28 sports, including the highly anticipated reinstatement of golf and rugby.

- **Jack Conger** from Rockville will be competing in the 4x200m freestyle swimming event. Conger graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in 2013.
- **Katie Ledecky**, former gold medalist from the 2012 Olympics will compete in the 200m freestyle, 400m freestyle, 800m freestyle and 4x200m freestyle. Ledecky, from Bethesda, graduated from Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in 2015.
- **Ashley Nee** from Bethesda will compete in the Canoe Slalom. Nee graduated from Northwestern High School.
- **Helen Maroulis**, a former Col. Zadok Magruder High School student, is a wrestler who will be competing in the Freestyle 53 kg.

Residents can stop by any of the [library branches](#) located throughout the County to drop-off their letters or cards. The fan mail stations will be available during regularly scheduled hours through August 21. The letters will be delivered to the athletes after the Olympics.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>